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1849
John Hendrickson board the Schooner Eliza of New Bedford Bound on her southern cruise supplying light houses with oil Sailed Oct 31st Joseph Howland Master had a fine passage out and arrived at Emiras islands on the eleventh of Nov it being our first light it is a revolving light of fifteen lamps Nov 12 imployed at ship duty
Nov 13th supplied the light with four hundred and fifty gallons of oil and one hundred and two tube glasses and put on eight reflectors we have to take our oil about three miles and a half up the creek and it is as crooked as any body can imagine we took the oil up and landed it and came back the same tide which never was done before it is verry good landing but you have it to roll up a sand hill about an eighth of a mile but fifty gallon cask are the best to take up
Nov 14th took off two cask of water in the morning the remainder of the day at leisure Nov 15th it is head wind and blowing a gale both anchors down imployed at different jobs
Nov 16th still blowing a gale at the North ward this morning picked up some peices of a wreck of an English ship wich was cast away on a small island about 5 miles from here called [illegible] island she was loaded with salt and [illegible] this after noon went on shore and got some wood and had a fine time collecting curiosities so ends this [illegible] I have made a mistake in writing the above in calling it Emiras instead of Amelia island

Nov 17th still laying at anchor with head wind
and fine weather quite a leisure day with us to day
Nov 18th still laying at anchor with head wind and
fine weather at 3 P M all hands attend meeting
in the cabin Amelia island is on the east coast of
florida in Lat 30.50 N and Long 81.35 West there is a
small village on the island called fernandino
there are but few inhabitants and they are mostly
spanish there but verry little raised on the island and
the village is fast going to decay so ends these 24 hours
Nov 18th still at ancore with fine weather and head
wind took the small boat and went up to st marys
a small village about 9 miles distant at 4 P M
returned and took our anchor and dropped over
to cumberland a small island about 2 miles distant
Nov 19th fine weather and fair wind at 8 A M
the pilot came on board and took our anchor
and bid adieu to Amelia island bound to st johns
with a fair wind and a plenty of it

Nov 19th at 1 P M came to anchor in the mouth
of st johns river at 3 P M supplied the light
situated at the mouth of the river withe about 500
gallons of oil and 78 tube glasss it is quite good landing
and but a short distance to rool it 50 gallons are the
best to land Nov 20th laying at anchor pilot came in
and captain on shore fitting the light at 2 P M went on
shore and filled one cask of water so ends with fine weather

East coast of florida

Nov 21 still laying at anchor with light airs from the eastward and fine weather this forenoon imployed at ship duty at 2 P M went on shore and cut a boat load of wood Nov 22 still laying at anchor with light airs and fine weather imployed at ship duty Nov 23 at 8 A M took our anchor and and under way but the wind dying away we returned again at 4 P M and let go our anchor so ends fine weather Nov 24th at 8 A M the pilot came on board and we got under weigh but the wind was so light that we were obliged to return again and let go our anchor at 4 P M so ends with fine weather

Nov 25th these 24 hours laying at anchor with light airs from the eastward and fine weather at 6 P M had a prayer meeting in the cabin so ends with fine weather

Nov 26th this commencing with fine weather and light winds from westward and fine weather at 8 A M went on shore and got two cask of water at 8 P M the pilot came on board and took our anchor bound for St Augustine in going over the bar we struck 3 times owing to the heavy swell at 4 P M the pilot left us and we squared away with strong wind at N W and raining at 7 saw the light laid off and on untill morning came in and at 8 A M let go our anchor at 10 supplied the light with 300 gallons oil and 50 lamp glasses so ends Nov 27 laying at anchor fine weather blowing heavy out side

Nov 28 still laying at anchor at augustine with fine weather and head wind

Nov 29 still at anchor fine weather and head wind this day went on shore and got some oysters

Nov 30 laying at anchor with fine weather and head wind

Dec 1st at 7 A M the pilot came on board took our anchor and beat down the river at 10 crossed the bar and the pilot left and we hauled on the wind bound to cape canavaral with head wind

Dec 3d came to anchor at cape canavaral and landed our oil and came on board

Dec 4 at 6 A M went on shore and took our oil to the light -wich is one mile from the landing some we rolled and some we took up in a cart with a mule and of all places for musketoes this is the beatum that i ever saw at tmetre came on board and took our anchor bound for cape florida

Dec 6 this day supplied cape florida light with about 600 gallons of oil and 50 tube glasses at 3 P M came on board and it being light winds and a strong current ahead let go our anchor and lay untill 5 in the morning of the 7 at 5 A M took our anchor and made sail for key west

Dec 8th at 1 P M hauled along side of the wharf at key west at 3 landed our oil and took it up to the light with horses landed about 500 gallons

Sunday Dec 9 laying at key west fine weather winds

Dec 10 laying at key west fore part rainy imployed breaking out and filling oil latter part fine light one man sick at the hospittle and shiped another

South Coast of Florida

at 6 P M hauled out into the stream so ends
Dec 11 at 5 A M took our anchor and made sail for
the tortugas islands at 7 P M came to anchor one
mile from garden key light with strong winds from E
D. 12 at 6 A M took our anchor and run into the
harbour and let go our anchor at 10 supplied the
light with about 600 gallons of oil latter imployed
breaking out and fitting all these 24 hours blowing
a gale from the N E so ends thes 24 hours
Dec laying at garden key with high winds from
eastward and squally imployed at ship duty
Dec 14th at 6 A M took our anchor and made sail
bound to castor keene a small island at the entrance of
tampa bay bush key light contains 17 lamps and is a
fixed light so ends Dec 14 with fine weather
Dec Sunday 16th at 8 A M let go our anchor at the
island of castor keene thes 24 fine weather
Dec 17 at 7 A M supplied the light with about
500 gallons of oil and 120 tube glasses this ligth contains
15 lamps and is a fixed light at 10 returned and got
under weigh bound to st marks at 2 P M owing
to strong current and light winds were obliged
to turn back and come to anchor again at 5 P M
went on shore and got some copper off of and old
wreck wich was lost in 1835 at 6 returned with 112 pounds
of copper so ends thes 24 laying at castor keene
and fine weather

Dec 18 at 6 A M took our anchor bound to st marks at 8 spoke the ship quebec of new york 18 days out bound to New orleans we got some late papers from New york so ends with strong wind at N

Dec 21st at 5 P M came to anchor at st marks light we had a long passage owing to light wind and calms
Dec 22 at 6 A M took our oil on shore and supplied the light with about 450 gallons of oil it is a fixed light of 15 lamps it is good landing at high water but at low tide it is verry bad owing to a long muddy flat and we have to [illegible] it over a [illegible] about 8 feet high at 11 A M came on board and took our anchor bound to dog island light with a strong N W wind so ends these 24 hours

Dec 22 at 4 P M came to anchor at dog island
Dec 23 laying at anchor it being Sunday nothing to do
Dec 24 at 6 A M took our oil on shore and supplied the light with 480 gallons of oil latter part implayed filling oil it being head wind and blowing heavy dog island light is a revolving light of 14 lamps,
Dec 25 at 6 took our anchor bound to st george island with fair wind distant 20 miles at 10 came to anchor and took our oil on shore and supplied to light with 575 gallons of oil it is a fixed light of 17 lamps at 2 P M returned and took our anchor bound to st blas distant 18 miles

Dec 26 at 7 A M let go our anchor at st blass took our oil on shore and supplied the light with 375 gallons of oil it is a fixed light with 13 lamps it has got a red space round the middle of the house to distinguish it at 1 P M returned took the anchor and made sail for pensacola distant about 100

Dec 27 at 12 M came to anchor at pensacola took our oil on shore and supplied the light with 325 gallons of oil here we have it to rook up a very steep sand hill this is a revolver of 10 lamps at 5 P M returned to our anchor bound to sand island at the entrance to mobile bay distant 45 m

Dec 28 at 8 A M came to anchor at sand island took our oil on shore and supplied the light with 525 gallons of oil at 11 A M returned and took our anchor bound to mobile point distant one league sand island is a fixed light of 15 lampss

D 28 at 1 P M let go our anchor at mobile point took our oil on shore and supplied the light with 700 gallons of oil it is a revolver of 21 lamps at 6 returned took our anchor bound up the bay to mobile distant 15 miles at 8 let go the anchor owing to light air and strong curent so ends

Dec 29 laying at anchor in mobile bay first part foggy latter part fine weather and calm so ends

Dec 30 laying at anchor in mobile bay first part light air from S latter part blowing a gale from North and cold freesing weather and clear

Dec 31 first part blowing a gale from the north and our decks covered with ice first we have seen this winter latter part more moderate at 2 O clk took our anchor and went up the bay at 5 O clk came to anchor one lague from the light so ends

Jan 1. 1850 laying at anchor in mobile bay first part took our oil on shore and supplied the light with 225 gallons of oil it is a fixed light of ten lamps latter imployed filling oil so ends

Jan 2 laying at anchor at mobile this day discharged ole man and one man ran away this day shiped a man so ends

Jan 3 laying at mobile captain one shore looking for our runaway man at night returned without success so ends with fine weather

Jan 4 at 11 A M took our anchor bound to round island so ends bound to round island with fair wind and fine weather

Jan 5 at 8 A M came to anchor at round island took our oil on shore and supplied the light with about 300 gallons of oil at M returned took our anchor bound to bollarky 15 miles distant at 4 P M came to anchor and took our oil on shore and supplied the light with 275 gallons at 6 returned took our anchor bound to cat island at 10 P M came to anchor at cat island dog island light is a fixed one with 10 lamps and bollarky is a fixed light of 9 lamps so end these 24 hours laying at cat island

Jan 6 Laying at cat island with strong Breezes from SE and over cast weather it being Sunday nothing doing at 3 P M meeting in the cabin

Jan 7 th at 9 A M supplied cat island light with about 300 gallons of oil at 11 returned took our anchor bound to pass christian distant 10 miles at 2 P M came to anchor took our oil on shore and supplied the light with 275 gallons of oil at 6 returned cat island and pass christian are fixed lights of 8 lamps each

Jan 8 laying at anchor at pass christian waiting for the schooner [illegible] to take the oil up on the lakes and supply those lights [illegible]

Jan 12 at 5 P M the schooner new year came along side and we put the oil board and at 8 she made sail bound up the Lake to supply those lights

Sunday Jan 18 laying at anchor at pass christian with strong breeze at the westward and cool so ends this 24 hours

Jan 21 laying at anchor at pass christian rainy weather at 9 A M the new year returned from off the Lake came along side and discharged the oil casks at 10 took our anchor and run over to Ship island and came to anchor so ends these 24 hours with thick weather

Jan 22 pleasant weather and strong winds at 7 A M took our anchor and run over to chandellier island and suplied the light with 325 gallons of oil it is a fixed light of 9 Lamps at 1 P M went on shore for some wood at 5 returned took our anchor bound to to N E pass of the Misisipi river so ends fine weather

Jan 23 at 11 A M came to the anchor at the N E pass at 1 P M took our oil on shore supplied the light with 700 gallons of oil it is a fixed light of 30 lamps at 6 returned so ends thick weather

Jan 24 at 8 A M took our anchor and run down to the South pass at 11 A M came to anchor about 2 mils from the light took our oil in to the boat and at 1 P M

the boat left for the light and supplied the light with 500 gallons of oil it is a revolver of 14 lamps at 12 at night the boat returned so ends thick weather

Jan 25 at 6 A M took our anchor and run down to the S W pass at 9 came to anchor off the light at 10 took the oil on shore supplied the light with 775 gallons of oil it is a fixed light of 22 lamps at 6 P M returned so ends with thick weather

Jan 26 laying at anchor at the S W pass imployed in filling water and getting wood so ends thick weather

Jan 27 laying at anchor at S W pass it being Sunday nothing doing so ends thick weather

Jan 28 laying at the S W pass it being rainy not much doing so ends

Jan 29 the 24 hours fine weather and strong winds at 7 A M took our anchor bound to point (?) at 10 P M came to anchor about 5 miles from the light so ends fine weather

Jan 30 at 8 A M took our oil on shore and supplied the light with about 400 gallons of oil at 1 P M took our anchor bound to vermilion bay at 8 P M came to anchor about 6 miles from the light so ends fine weather

Jan 31 laying at anchor at vermilion bay at 8 A M took our oil on shore and supplied the light with about 325 gallons of oil at 5 P M returned we had a long passage off it being head wind and current so ends laying at anchor in vermilion bay.

Feb 1st still laying at anchor at vermilion bay imployed in stowing off the hold so and fitting things for home so ends with fine weather.

Feb 2 laying at anchor at vermilion bay fore part imployed at taking in the long boat and stowing away things for home at 1 P M took our anchor bound to New bedford so ends with strong winds at the N W

Feb 10th laying at anchor at key West we came in here at 4 P M we left vermilion bay on the 2 ith and it began to blow the first night out and it blew a gale from almost every point of the point of the compass untill the 9 at 10 A M we had a verry heavy squall of wind and rain at 11 it died away calm with a heavy sea running at 12 M in jibing ship carried away the wheel at 1 P M fitted the wheel and on the 10 it began to blowing again and it blew a gale at the N E when we came in here so ends laying anchor at key West Florida.

Jan 16th lying at anchor at key West and fine weather we have been here five days and it has been blowing a gale about ever since we came here untill this morning it is now light winds and pleasant weather at 6 A.M took our anchor and made sail for New Bedford so ends sailing towards New Bedford

Feb 28th at AM arrived at New bedford having made the passage from key West in 13 days and we have had a good deal of rought weather
We sailed the last day of Oct 1849 and arrived the last day of Feb 1850

N° 15 Amelia Island revolver 15 lamps
19 St Johns fixed light of 15
21 St Augustine fixed 10
Dec 4 Cape canaverdl revolver 15
6 Cape Florida fixed 17
8 key west 15 revolver 15
12 Tortugus fixed 17
17 Castor kino fixed 15
22 St marks fixed 17
24 Dog island revolve 14
25 St george fixed 17
25 St blas revolve 10
27 Pensacola revolve 10
28 Sand island and point revolve 14
Jan 1 Mobile fixed 8

Jan 5 round island
5 Bolivo 10
7 cat island 9
7 pass christian 9
22 Chandeleur 9
23 N E pass 27
24 South pass 14
25 S W pass 29
30 Point fier
31 Vermilion Bay
51 ends

John Kendrick On Board of the Schooner Eliza of New Bedford Supplying Light Houses on her Southern cruise

Sailed From New bedford Nov 29th 1852

Arrived out to Amelia Island Dec 15th

Dec 16th Supplied the light with 550 gallons of Oil

Dec 18 at 7 A M took our anchor bound to St Johns

Dec 18 at 11 A M arrived at St Johns and supplied the light with 470 gallons of Oil it is a fixed light of 14 lamps

Dec 20 at 1 P M took our anchor bound to St Augustine

Dec 22 At 1 P M arrived at Augustine and supplied the light with 325 gallons of oil it is a fixed light with 10 lamps

at 7 took our anchor bound to Cape Cannaveral

Dec 27 At 7 A M arrived at Cape Canaveral and supplied the light with 510 gallons of oil it is a revolver of 16 lamps

At 4 P M took our anchor Bound to Cape Fl

Dec 30 at 10 A M arrived at cape Florida Dec 31 supplied the light with 600 gallons of Oil it is a fixed light of 17 lamps,

Jan 4 at 1 A M took the anchor bound to Carrysfort reef light at 7 A M let go our anchor one quarter of a mile from the light at 5 began our oil and suplied the light with 750 gallons of Oil and at 7 P M took our anchor bound to Key West

and at 10½ P M ran on the Tennessee reef with all sail set worked all night with our and did not succeed in getting off

Jan 6 at 7 A M the wreckers came on board and with their assistance we got afloat at 4 P M

Jan 6 at 6 A M took our anchor bound to key West and arrived here at 10 P M

Jan 8 at 2 P M supplied the light with 600 gals of oil it is a fixed light of 16 lamps

Jan 11 at 10 A M supplied the light Ship off key West

Feb 4 at 6 A M took our anchor after being detained here 28 days bound to tortugas and at 2 P M came to anchor at garden key and supplied the light with oil a fixed light of 16 lamps.

Feb 7 at 6 A M took our anchor bound to egmont key and at 8 P M on the 13 came to anchor at egmont key Feb 14 supplied the light with oil it is a fixed light of 12 lamps

Feb 15 at 7 A M took our anchor bound to st Marks

Feb 15 at 1 P M came to anchor off the light and supplied them with oil it is a fixed light with 10 lamps

Feb 17 at 5 A M took our anchor bound to dog island and at 6 P M came to anchor at dog id

Feb 18 at 9 A M took the oil on shore and supplied the light it is a revolving of 9 lamps

Feb 21 at 7 A M took our anchor bound to St Joseph at 2 P M took our oil on shore and supplied the light and at [illegible] P M made sail for pensacola

Feb 22 at 2 P M came to anchor in the harbor of Pensacola
Feb 24 at 8 A M supplied the light and at 11 took our anchor bound to Sand Is
Feb 25 at 7 P M came to anchor at Sand Is
Feb 26 at 7 A M supplied the light a fixed 14 lamps and at 2 P M supplied Mobile Point a revolver of 14 lamps
Feb 28 Supplied Choctaw Point a fixed of 5 lamps
Mar 2 Supplied Round island a fixed of 10 lamp
Mar 3 at 1 P M supplied Balize a fixed of 9 L
Mar 4 at 8 A M Supplied cat Island a fixed of 9 lam
Mar 5 at 8 A M Supplied Pass Christian a fixed 7 L
Mar 7 at 8 M supplied the Light Ship of the Pass
Mar 22 Suplied Ship Island Light
Mar 23 Suplied N E pass light
Mar 25 Suplied South pass light
Mar 26 Suplied S W pass light
Mar 31 Supplied Ship island Shoal light Ship
Apr 1 Supplied point fair Light
A 2 Supplied Atchafalaya bay Light Ship
Ap 5 Supplied vermiliono bay light - revolver
Ap 9 Supplied Galveston light 18 lamps
Ap 15 at 3 P M took our anchor bound to Madagorda
Ap 18 at 7 A M supplied Maddgorda light revolver
Ap 27 at 7 P M came to anchor at Brazos St Jago out side of the bar in 7 fthm watter and 5 ofthm
Ap 25 commenced supplying the lights at point Isabel
Ap 30 finished supplying the light and at 6 P M took our anchor and put away for home

May 15 arrived at Key West and on the 18 at 7 A M took our anchor bound to New Bedford where we arrived the 27 of May after an absence of six months all in good health — end

~~Feb 9 1853~~

John Kendrick on Board the United States Schooner Guthrie Supplying Lights on the Coast Of Florida Sailed from New Bedford Nov 6th 1854.

Arrived at Amelia Island Nov 19

At St Johns River Nov 23.

St Augustine Nov 25

Cape Canaveral Nov 29

Cape Florida Dec 1

Carysfort reef Dec 4

Key West Dec 6 Sand key Dec 11

Tortugas Dec 15. Egmont key Dec 23

Sea Horse key Dec 28 St Marks Dec 31

Dog Island Jan 2 St George Jan 6

Pensacola Jan 5 Sand Island Jan 13

Mobile point Jan 13 Choctaw point Jan 16

Jan 22 1855 at 6 A M took our anchor bound to New Bedford Jan 27 at 2 P M passed Tortugas Jan 28 passed Key West Jan [illegible]

Jan 29 at 5 P M saw Gun keys light

Jan 30 at 3 P M in Lat 27 [illegible] Lon 79 [illegible]

Feb 4 at [illegible] one mile of [illegible] Hatteras [illegible]

40 to the E Feb 14 saw Long Island
Feb 17 arrived at New Bedford

Sailed from New Bedford Nov 27th 1855
Passed Cape Hatterias the fourth of Dec
and arrived at Amelia Island Dec 7th
At St Johns Dec 10, St Augustine Dec 12
and sailed Dec 16 Cape Canaveral Dec 19 Cape
Florida 21 Carrysfort reef Dec 22 Key West Dec 26.
N W channel Dec 28th, Sand key Dec 31
Tortugas Jan 2 1856 Jan 11 Egmont key Tampa bay
Sea horse keys Jan 16 St Marks Jan 21
Dog Island Jan 22 St George Jan 24 St [illegible] Jan 25
Pensacola Feb first 1856 Sand Island Feb 5
Mobile point Feb 6 Choctaw Point Feb 7
Feb 12 at 7 A M took our anchor bound
to Key West and at M passed the [illegible]
Feb 15 at 8 A M arrived at Key West in 68
hours from Mobile Feb 20 at 6 A M took
our anchor bound to New Bedford Feb 25 at
4 P M passed Cape Hatterias 50 miles East
Feb 28 at [illegible] saw land about 25 miles to
[illegible] Feb 29 at 1 P M saw Long Island